



# EVANS EXPRESS



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Evans, Colorado

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# a Chance To DANCE

An adaptive and inclusive dance program for all ability levels

## Registration closes April 6th

Cost: \$8

Session Dates: April 9<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>  
Class Will Meet on Saturdays

Ages

5 to 9 Year Olds: 9:30am - 10am  
10 to 13 Year Olds: 10:15am - 11am

Presented by the Evans Recreation Department 970-475-1125



*Click these icons in the online version for more information.*

[www.evanscolorado.gov](http://www.evanscolorado.gov)



## CITY OF EVANS FARMERS MARKET

### Now Accepting Vendor Applications for the 2016 Markets

The Farmers Market is seeking vendors to participate in the 2016 market season, June 2 through September 15. Potential vendors might include farms providing fresh produce, arts and craft items, greenhouses bringing flowers, herbs and vegetables, cottage industries and foods including salsa, soap, honey, jams, lotion and baked goods. Other ideas? We'd love to hear yours. Markets take place every Thursday from 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm and is located at the Riverside Library and Cultural Center, 3700 Golden Street, Evans. We hope to see you all there. Click for info online.

<http://www.evanscolorado.gov/economicdevelopment/2016-farmers-market>



# Prescription Drug Take Back

**Saturday, April 30 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Sam's Club Parking Lot in Evans**

Residents are urged to take part in the upcoming Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. It's for residents to dispose of unused or expired medications.

This program addresses public safety and health issues. Old medicines are highly susceptible to misuse and abuse. Disposing of medication by flushing it down the toilet or throwing it in the trash are potential safety and health hazards that are easily avoided. Items will be accepted either in bottles or in bags.

The following items cannot be accepted at this event: needles, mercury thermometers, oxygen containers, radioactive substances, pressurized canisters, and illicit drugs.



## City of Evans 2016 Ballot Questions

There are three questions proposing to amend the City's Home Rule Charter that have been supported and referred to the voters by the Evans City Council. Voters may vote "Yes/For" or "No/Against" in response to the following measures:

### Ballot Question 2A-City of Evans

*Shall the City of Evans Home Rule Charter be amended to make the language of the Charter gender neutral and include labels for each subsection?*

**Background.** There are inconsistencies throughout the Home Rule Charter where some subsections are labeled and others are not. Additional inconsistencies exist related to gender neutrality. For example, when Chapter 12 concerning zoning was amended, changes were made to make this section gender neutral. Other sections have not been amended to reflect gender neutrality. Approving Question 2A would organize the Home Rule Charter by making each section uniform with labels for each sub-subsection and gender neutral language.

### Ballot Question 2B-City of Evans

*Shall Section 3.14, Special Meetings, be amended to allow special meetings of the Council to be called by the City Clerk by electronic correspondence, by telephone, in writing, served personally, or delivered to a Council Member's usual place of residence?*

**Background.** Section 3.14 provides that a Special City Council meeting is called by the Clerk upon a written request of the Mayor or by any three members of City Council. Written notice to each City Council Member must be served personally to each Council Member at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at his/her usual place of residence. A special meeting can be held on shorter notice if all members of the Council are present or waive the notice requirement in writing. Approving Question 2B would allow for more modern means of notifying the City Council of a Special meeting on short notice by e-mail or telephone, with the option of providing written notice to a Council Member's residence remaining in the Charter.

### Ballot Question 2C-City of Evans

*Shall Section 7.10, Penalties for Violation of Ordinances, be amended to state that the fine for violating a City ordinance shall not exceed the amount allowed under state law?*

**Background.** The state limitation on municipal court fines was raised in 2013, by House Bill 13-1060, from \$1,000 to \$2,650, and permitted inflationary adjustments on January 1st of each year. Section 7.10 of the Evans Home Rule Charter currently limits the amount that can be fined for violating a City Ordinance to one thousand dollars (\$1,000). Approving Question 2C would allow the Evans City Council to set the municipal court penalty for violating an Ordinance to an amount determined by the City Council up to, but not exceeding the maximum amount allowed under state law.

If you have any questions regarding the ballot questions, please contact the City Clerk at:  
(970) 475-1104 or by email at [rrobb@evanscolorado.gov](mailto:rrobb@evanscolorado.gov)





## WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Another milestone on the largest infrastructure project the City has ever undertaken was reached in March. At the Colorado Water & Power Authority Board meeting, March 8, the Board approved the loan with the City for the construction of the new consolidated wastewater treatment plant. Our ability to obtain this loan is quite positive for the City and the interest rate is very favorable; including lower loan costs and significant flexibility for repayment options than what may have been available with other loans.

The final step in securing financing necessary to begin construction of the plant is the user rate adjustment which was considered by the Water & Sewer Board on March 24th and will go to City Council for consideration on April 5th. The proposed rate adjustments will fund both the debt service on the new plant and cover increases in operations and maintenance costs. The debt service on the loan will be for a term of 23 years.

With the new plant the City will be able to adequately address:

- Ongoing capacity and effluent quality problems
- Flood related impacts to existing facilities & ongoing issues with a plant in the 100 year flood plain
- New Effluent quality standards (Environmental Protection Agency Regulation 85)
- Need for more operational flexibility and redundancy in the wastewater treatment system
- Need for more advanced control of wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) operations

The increase in operations and maintenance costs is due to several factors as outlined below. One key factor City Council considered when directing staff to move forward with the new consolidated plant was that in the long term, the operations and maintenance costs to maintain one new plant would be less than the current two plant system.

- Mechanical plants require more operations expertise and attention. They require constant monitoring of water chemistry to ensure the biological nutrient removal process is working properly to meet Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Regulation 85 requirements. This expertise and attention requires a higher level of trained staff.
- The process involves chemicals to enhance coagulation of the waste stream. While adding to the cost, this process also provides enhanced treatment.
- A mechanical WWTP involves more pumps, valves, mixers, blowers and, overall, more equipment. The equipment requires ongoing maintenance and a preventative maintenance program to ensure reliability.
- Mechanical plants require more electricity.
- The lift station and force main requires routine cleaning to operate properly.

The proposed rate adjustments will be phased in over two and a half years and will result in a strong and fully functioning wastewater treatment system.

## Youth Sports

T-Ball (5 - 6 year olds)

Coach Pitch (7 - 8 year olds)

Coed Softball (9- 12 year olds)

Registration runs April 4 - May 8

T-ball and coach pitch have an option of weeknight or Saturday games

9-12 coed softball has weeknight games

\$35 for each program

\$10 late fee applied after May 8th (depending on availability)

Practices begin the week of May 23rd

First game the week of June 6th

## Summer Day Camp

Registration going on now!

Come and join us for a summer filled with fun and adventure! Don't let your kids spend the summer sitting around the house with nothing to do. We will be offering new and creative activities for the kids to do this summer. Activities will include but are not limited to games, arts and crafts, science experiments, team building, cooking, sports, and swimming. Each week a different theme will be explored by the campers. Evans Summer Day Camp kids visit the movies once a week and go on field trips every Friday. All staff are CPR and First Aid certified and we are a licensed program through the state of Colorado.

Ages 5-11

Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 5:30 pm

May 31-August 12

Call 970-475-1125 for more information or to register

### Evans Recreation Center Open Daily

Monday-Thursday 5:30am-9:00pm

Friday 5:30am-7:00pm

Saturday and Sunday 8:00am-12:00pm

## Zumba

Zumba will have a delayed April start – please call the Recreation Center at 475-1125 for updates.

## EveryBODY BootCamp

Boot Camp will resume in the summer ...  
LOOK for details in May!

Challenge yourself with this fast-paced, calorie blasting workout, using the traditional Boot Camp style approach. Boot Camp is geared toward all fitness levels. Modifications are always offered for the beginner to the advanced. We will combine strength, cardio, muscle endurance, flexibility, core, and functional movement patterns. You get EVERYTHING you need.

There is NO guts, NO glory in this total workout!










## Staying on Track

### City Finance






See the newest [Sales Tax Update Newsletter](#)

[www.evanscolorado.gov/finance/sales-tax-update-newsletter](http://www.evanscolorado.gov/finance/sales-tax-update-newsletter)

## Contact Information

|                           |                |   |
|---------------------------|----------------|---|
| Emergency                 | 911            |    |
| After Hours Non-Emergency | (970) 356-1212 |    |
| General Information       | (970) 475-1170 |    |
| Police Department         | (970) 339-2441 |    |
| Building Permits          | (970) 475-1120 |    |
| Building Inspections      | (970) 475-2211 |    |
| Community Development     | (970) 475-1120 |    |
| Engineering/Mapping       | (970) 475-1160 |    |
| Water and Sewer Billing   | (970) 475-1170 |    |
| Recreation Programs       | (970) 475-1125 |    |
| City Council              | (970) 475-1104 |    |
| City Managers Office      | (970) 475-1108 |    |
| City Clerk                | (970) 475-1104 |    |
| Code Enforcement          | (970) 475-1115 |    |
| Court                     | (970) 475-1123 |    |
| Evans Cemetery            | (970) 475-1104 |    |
| Business Licenses         | (970) 475-1109 |   |
| Employment                | (970) 475-1161 |  |
| Senior Programs           | (970) 475-1131 |  |
| Pothole Hotline           | (970) 475-1183 |  |
| Fire Prevention/Reports   | (970) 475-1118 |  |
| Stormwater Hotline        | (970) 475-1183 |  |

## Local Agencies

|                                   |                |   |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Evans Area Chamber of Commerce    | (970) 330-4204 |  |
| Small Business Development Center | (970) 352-3661 |  |
| Upstate Colorado                  | (970) 356-4565 |  |
| Greeley/Evans School District     | (970) 348-6000 |  |
| Weld County                       | (970) 356-4000 |  |

## City Schedule

All meetings held at  
The City of Evans Community Complex  
1100 37th Street Evans, Colorado  
Call (970) 475-1170 for more information.

Find agendas, minutes and packets online  
by clicking on the icon below.

[www.evanscolorado.gov/citycouncil](http://www.evanscolorado.gov/citycouncil)



## Regularly Scheduled Meetings

- **City Council Work Sessions**  
First and Third Tuesdays at 6:00 pm
- **City Council Meetings**  
First and Third Tuesdays at 7:30 pm
- **Planning Commission**  
Fourth Tuesday at 6:00 pm
- **Economic Development Advisory Council**  
Fourth Tuesday at 7:00 pm
- **Water and Sewer Board**  
Third Thursday at 3:30 pm
- **SBDC Small Business Counseling**  
Third Thursday of each month
- **Evans Fire District Board of Directors**  
Fourth Monday of each month

